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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 October 2004.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 07 October 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/07/2004.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-2 and 14-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Shintani et al. (US Patent No. 6,490,001).

Regarding Claim 1, 7, and 14, Shintani discloses a method **Figure 4** for reducing channel change times, comprising: receiving a channel change command **[S101]**; caching an incoming data stream in response to the channel change command **[Col. 6, lines 16-18]**; finding program specific information included within the incoming data stream **[S105]**; and transferring the cached data stream for decoding in response to the finding of the program specific information **[Col. 3, lines 18-25]**.

Regarding Claim 2, 8, and 15, Shintani discloses a method wherein the program specific information comprises program association table data and program map table data **Figure 1 unit 332**.

Regarding Claim 3, 4, 9, 10, 16, and 17 Shintani discloses a method wherein the step of finding the program specific information includes filtering data from the cached data stream **Fig 2 unit 223** [*The channel equalizer 223 functions mainly as a ghost canceller, and has a multi-tap digital filter.*].

Regarding Claim 5, 11, and 18, Shintani discloses a method comprised of finding sequence header data within the cached data stream **Figure 4 S103**.

Regarding Claim 6, 12, and 19, Shintani discloses a method wherein the step of finding the program specific information comprises **Figure 8**: finding program association table data within the incoming data stream **S306**; finding program map table data using the program association table data **S307**; and finding at least one of video program identification data and audio program identification data using the program map table data [**S308**, *the control section 31 changes each of the switch circuits 41 and 42 to the input terminal DTV side*].

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 13 and 20 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shintani.

Regarding Claim 13 and 20, Shintani discloses an apparatus for receiving a digital television broadcast such as a digital ground wave broadcast or a digital cable broadcast **Col. 1 lines 8-14**. Although Shintani fails to teach a set top box, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill to use one since they are well known and to replace the receiver would have been obvious to allow for a dedicated piece of hardware that will allow a cable provider the ability to provide secure communications with clients.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. It includes Blatter et al. (US Patent 5,838,873) and Candelore et al. (US Patent Publication No. 2003/0021412). Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sahar A. Baig whose telephone number is 571-270-3005. The examiner can normally be reached on 4/5/9.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Kelley can be reached on 571-272-7331. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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